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Mr. Chairman, Madam and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my report on the Health and Sanitary conditions of the District for the year 1962.

The year under review has been uneventful and no matters of grave significance have taken place.

The population now exceeds 13,500, and as will be seen the birth rate is still increasing, whilst with such a young population the death shows its expected slow fall.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

R. W. KIND

Medical Officer of Health

V I T A L S T A T I S T I C S

Area, in acres 	2,529	Number of occupied houses	4,287
Rateable value on 1st April 1962	£212,797	Number of houses owned by the Council 	318
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	£840	Number of houses combined with Shops 	52
Population (mid 1962)	£13,510	Number of separate shops ..	42

B I R T H S

D E A T H S

Live Births -- Legitimate :		<u>Deaths - all causes</u>	
Male	170	Male	48
Female	137	Female	54
Total	307	Total	102
Illegitimate :		<u>Deaths from puerperal causes</u>	Nil
Male	2		
Female	1	<u>Deaths of infants under 1 year of age</u>	
Total	3	Male	3
		Female	5
Total Live Births :		Total	8
Male	172		
Female	138	<u>Deaths of infants under 4 weeks of age</u>	
Total	310	Male	2
		Female	4
Stillbirths -- Male	1	Total	6
Female	2		
Total	3		
<u>Birthrate per 1,000 estimated population</u>	22.9	<u>Death rate per 1,000 estimated population</u>	7.5

C A U S E S O F D E A T H S

REGISTRAR-GENERAL'S CLASSIFICATION							1962		
							M	F	Total
1.	Tuberculosis, respiratory	..	..	..	..	..	-	-	-
2.	Tuberculosis, other	..	..	..	..	..	-	-	-
3.	Syphilitic disease	..	..	..	..	..	-	-	-
4.	Diphtheria	..	..	..	..	..	-	-	-
5.	Whooping Cough	..	..	..	..	..	-	-	-
6.	Meningococcal infections	..	..	..	..	..	-	-	-
7.	Acute poliomyelitis	..	..	..	..	..	-	-	-
8.	Measles	..	..	..	..	..	-	-	-
9.	Other infective and parasitic diseases				..	..	-	1	1
10.	Malignant neoplasm, Stomach		..	..	..	..	2	1	3
11.	" " Bronchus and Lung				..	..	3	-	3
12.	" " Breast		..	..	..	..	-	1	1
13.	" " Uterus		..	..	..	..	-	2	2
14.	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasm				..	..	1	3	4
15.	Leukaemia and aleukaemia		..	..	..	..	-	-	-
16.	Diabetes	..	..	..	..	..	-	-	-
17.	Vascular lesions of the nervous system				..	..	4	4	8
18.	Coronary disease and angina	..	..	..	..	..	13	6	19
19.	Hypertension with heart disease	..	..	..	..	..	-	2	2
20.	Other heart diseases	..	..	..	..	..	7	13	20
21.	Other circulatory diseases	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	3
22.	Influenza	..	..	..	..	..	-	-	-
23.	Pneumonia	..	..	..	..	..	2	3	5
24.	Bronchitis	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	3
25.	Other diseases of the respiratory system				..	..	1	-	1
26.	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	..	..	..	..	..	2	-	2
27.	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea		..	..	..	..	-	1	1
28.	Nephritis and nephrosis	..	..	..	..	..	-	-	-
29.	Hyperplasia of prostate	..	..	..	..	..	1	-	1
30.	Pregnancy, childbirth and abortion		..	..	..	..	-	-	-
31.	Congenital malformations	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	4
32.	Other defined and ill-defined diseases				..	..	5	7	12
33.	Motor vehicle accidents	..	..	..	..	..	1	-	1
34.	All other accidents	..	..	..	..	..	-	5	5
35.	Suicide	..	..	..	..	..	1	-	1
36.	Homicide and operations of war	..	..	..	..	..	-	-	-
TOTAL (all causes)							48	54	102

CONTROL AND PREVENTION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE

IMMUNISATION :

During 1962, 269 children received primary immunisation against diphtheria. 107 other children received injections to maintain their immunity.

Vaccination against poliomyelitis was continued and satisfactory progress was maintained.

B.C.G. vaccination of school leavers was continued. A high acceptance rate of this procedure is now customary.

TUBERCULOSIS

There were no deaths from tuberculosis during 1962.

1 new case of pulmonary tuberculosis was notified and 3 additional cases came to live within the District.

At the close of the year 40 cases of pulmonary and 8 cases of non-pulmonary tuberculosis were known to be living in the district.

OTHER NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

Notified cases of infectious disease other than those already commented upon were as follows :-

Scarlet Fever	2
Whooping Cough	2
Measles	117

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SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

I am indebted to Mr. J. G. Davies, Chief Public Health Inspector, for the following information relating to the sanitary circumstances of this area :-

WATER SUPPLY :

Leicester Corporation mains water is piped throughout the district and a total of 4,287 houses with an estimated population of 13,510 have an internal supply.

The water is satisfactory in quality and quantity. No samples were taken within the District.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL :

Sewage is dealt with at the Council's own works. Approval to the construction of new disposal works has been received. The houses in the district are served by 4,302 water closets, leaving 7 premises supplied by pail closets. These pails are emptied by our own employees every fortnight.

11 cesspools are in use, 17 having been abolished during the year. Cesspools are emptied every two months.

PUBLIC CLEANSING :

House refuse is collected at weekly intervals by our own employees and was disposed of by controlled tipping.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA :

Complaints received	..	..	..	..	..	..	47
Premises concerned	..	..	..	..	..	..	36
Total number of Inspections made	..	..	..	..	..	..	1102

Nature of Inspections

Bakehouses	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
Dwelling houses (all purposes)	..	..	..	..	..	..	299
Infectious Disease Inquiries	..	..	..	..	..	..	49
Food premises	..	..	..	..	..	..	24
Food Poisoning Inquiries	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Rodent control	..	..	..	..	..	..	9
Refuse collection and disposal	..	..	..	..	..	..	257
Shops	..	..	..	..	..	..	76
Slaughterhouse and meat inspections	..	..	..	..	..	..	127
Smoke control	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
Factories and workplaces	..	..	..	..	..	..	12
Other inspections	..	..	..	..	..	..	225

Notices Issued

<u>Preliminary</u>	<u>Housing</u>	<u>Public Health</u>
Outstanding on 1st January 1962	Nil	1
Issued during 1962	Nil	15
Complied with during 1962	Nil	16
Statutory action necessary	Nil	Nil
Outstanding on 31st December, 1962	Nil	Nil

Regulated Buildings

There are no regulated buildings in the area.

Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act,1960

There are no sites in this area, but two licences for individual vans have been issued.

Verminous Premises

No infested premises came to notice during the year.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949

A part time rodent operator is employed. The refuse tip and sewers receive regular treatment, whilst a comprehensive service is offered to the public. 56 infestations were dealt with involving 9 visits by your Public Health Inspector and 455 by the rodent operator.

Pet Animals Act, 1951

One establishment has been licenced under this Act.

Rag, Flock and other Filling Materials Act, 1951

No premises are involved in the operation of this Act.

Shop Acts, 1950

No action under Section 38 of this Act was taken during the year.

Swimming Bath

8 inspections were made and 16 samples of water were taken. These proved to be satisfactory. The filtration and chlorination plant is in continuous use.

Factories Acts, 1937 and 1948

Premises involved in the operation of the Acts	69
Inspections made	17
Defects found	Nil
Number of Outworkers	25

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INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS, 1955

Premises inspected	11
Number of inspections made	..	..	..	..			24

ICE CREAM

21 premises are registered for the sale of ice cream.
22 samples were taken during the year. Four samples were Grade 3 and one sample Grade 4. Investigation showed inadequate sterilisation of serving tongs to be the cause. Action was taken to remedy this.

MILK AND DAIRIES REGULATIONS, 1949

Only three distributors are registered. One inspection was made and no contravention was found.

MILK SAMPLING

No milk sampling was carried out.

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

Licensed Slaughterhouses in the area	..	..	..	..		1
Animals slaughtered therein	..	..	..	..	..	495
Animals examined at time of slaughter	..	..	..	..		495
Visits made for this purpose	120
Number of Meat Stores in the area	6
Inspections made	19

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RESULTS OF EXAMINATION OF ANIMALS AT THE TIME OF SLAUGHTER

	Cattle Excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed (if known)	69	-	1	357	68
Number inspected	69	-	1	357	68
<u>All Diseases except Tuberculosis</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	5	-	-	1	1
Percentage of number inspected affected with diseases other than tuberculosis	7.2	-	-	0.28	1.47
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	1
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	1.47

H O U S I N G

INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR

Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	..	51
Number of inspections made for the purpose	..	57
Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	..	51

CLEARANCE AREAS

11 families comprising 22 persons were rehoused from properties awaiting clearance.

REPAIRS

Number of unfit houses made fit after informal action	..	9
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RECONDITIONING OF HOUSES

Two improvement grants under the Housing Act, 1949 were sought by owner/occupiers. Both applications were allowed at 50% of the approved cost of works.

Ten applications were received for standard grants under the House Purchasing and Housing Act, 1959. Seven of the properties concerned were improved during the year.

NEW HOUSES

Houses completed during the year			
(i) Local Authority	..	..	16
(ii) Private Enterprise	..	..	156
Houses in course of erection at the close of the year by private enterprise	..		111
Total post-war houses completed			
(i) Local Authority	..	..	271
(ii) Private Enterprise	..	..	2541

Ten applications were made for Council houses during the year bringing the total waiting applicants to 47.

